

H.R. 861

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. VACATION OF AWARDS.

Section 10 of title 9, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by indenting the margin of paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) 2 ems;

(2) by striking "Where" in such paragraphs and inserting "where";

(3) by striking the period at the end of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a) and inserting a semicolon and by adding "or" at the end of paragraph (3);

(4) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(5) in paragraph (5), by striking "Where an award" and inserting "If an award", by inserting a comma after "expired", and by redesignating the paragraph as subsection (b).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 861, and in so doing, feel inclined to paraphrase Daniel Webster, who, in defending Dartmouth College, noted that "It may be small, but there are those who love it."

Nothing could be more true with this bill, as H.R. 861 makes a truly technical correction of the most non-controversial nature. It simply corrects section 10 of title 9 of the United States Code, which is a typographical flaw that has long evaded detection.

This section enumerates several grounds for vacating an arbitrator's award, with each ground beginning with the word "where." The fifth clause of section 10, however, is obviously not a ground for vacating an award, but rather, the beginning of a new sentence. This bill corrects this error.

However small this change may be, through the years this bill, which has come to be known as "the comma bill," has engendered great affection.

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Some may try to diminish the importance of this bill, but one should never underestimate the importance of a comma.

To paraphrase the late Everett Dirksen, a comma here, a comma there, and pretty soon you have got a full sentence.

Let us be honest with ourselves, when used properly, a comma can be devastatingly effective. For those, especially school children, who think that grammar and punctuation do not matter and tune themselves out during English class, today's action shows clearly that it does.

Thankfully, not every grammar mistake, not every misplaced comma takes an act of Congress to correct, but this particular section of the United States Code does.

This bill has been passed by each of the past two Congresses, only to be held hostage by unrelated issues in the other body.

To my colleagues here and on the other side of the Capitol who have previously loaded up this bill with unrelated legislation, I say free the comma, and I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 861.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in total unanimous support for the comma bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 861.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 725, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 861, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

MADE IN AMERICA INFORMATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 725, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 725, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 3, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 48]

YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Dooley	Kildee
Aderholt	Doolittle	Kilpatrick
Akin	Doyle	Kind (WI)
Allen	Dreier	King (NY)
Andrews	Duncan	Kingston
Armey	Dunn	Kirk
Baca	Ehlers	Klecza
Bachus	Ehrlich	Knollenberg
Baird	Emerson	Kolbe
Baker	Engel	Kucinich
Baldacci	English	LaFalce
Baldwin	Eshoo	LaHood
Ballenger	Etheridge	Lampson
Barcia	Evans	Langevin
Barr	Everett	Lantos
Barrett	Farr	Largent
Bartlett	Fattah	Larsen (WA)
Bass	Filner	Larson (CT)
Bentsen	Fletcher	Latham
Bereuter	Foley	LaTourette
Berkley	Ford	Leach
Berman	Fossella	Levin
Berry	Frank	Lewis (CA)
Biggart	Frost	Lewis (GA)
Bilirakis	Gallegly	Lewis (KY)
Bishop	Ganske	Linder
Blagojevich	Gekas	Lipinski
Blumenauer	Gephardt	LoBiondo
Blunt	Gibbons	Lofgren
Boehlert	Gilchrest	Lowey
Boehner	Gillmor	Lucas (KY)
Bonilla	Gilman	Lucas (OK)
Bonior	Gonzalez	Luther
Bono	Goode	Maloney (CT)
Borski	Goodlatte	Maloney (NY)
Boswell	Gordon	Manzullo
Boucher	Goss	Markey
Boyd	Graham	Mascara
Brady (PA)	Granger	Matheson
Brady (TX)	Graves	Matsui
Brown (OH)	Green (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Brown (SC)	Green (WI)	McCarthy (NY)
Bryant	Greenwood	McCollum
Burr	Grucci	McCrery
Burton	Gutierrez	McDermott
Buyer	Gutknecht	McGovern
Callahan	Hall (OH)	McHugh
Calvert	Hall (TX)	McInnis
Camp	Hansen	McIntyre
Cantor	Harman	McKeon
Capito	Hart	McKinney
Capps	Hastings (FL)	McNulty
Capuano	Hastings (WA)	Meehan
Cardin	Hayes	Meeks (NY)
Carson (IN)	Hayworth	Menendez
Carson (OK)	Hefley	Mica
Castle	Hergert	Millender-
Chabot	Hill	McDonald
Chambliss	Hilleary	Miller (FL)
Clay	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Clayton	Hinchey	Mink
Clement	Hinojosa	Mollohan
Clyburn	Hobson	Moore
Coble	Hoeffel	Moran (KS)
Collins	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Combest	Holden	Morella
Condit	Honda	Murtha
Conyers	Hoolley	Myrick
Cooksey	Horn	Nadler
Costello	Hostettler	Napolitano
Cox	Houghton	Neal
Coyne	Hoyer	Nethercutt
Cramer	Hulshof	Ney
Crane	Hutchinson	Northup
Crenshaw	Hyde	Norwood
Crowley	Inslee	Nussle
Cubin	Isakson	Oberstar
Culberson	Israel	Obey
Cummings	Issa	Olver
Cunningham	Istook	Ortiz
Davis (CA)	Jackson (IL)	Osborne
Davis (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Ose
Davis, Jo Ann	(TX)	Otter
Davis, Tom	Jenkins	Owens
Deal	John	Oxley
DeFazio	Johnson (CT)	Pallone
DeGette	Johnson (IL)	Pascarell
Delahunt	Johnson, Sam	Pastor
DeLauro	Jones (NC)	Payne
DeLay	Jones (OH)	Pelosi
DeMint	Kanjorski	Pence
Deutsch	Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Peterson (PA)
Dicks	Kennedy (MN)	Petri
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Phelps
Doggett	Kerns	Pickering

Pitts	Scott	Thompson (CA)
Platts	Sensenbrenner	Thompson (MS)
Pombo	Serrano	Thornberry
Pomeroy	Sessions	Thune
Portman	Shadegg	Thurman
Price (NC)	Shaw	Tiahrt
Pryce (OH)	Shays	Tiberi
Putnam	Sherman	Tierney
Quinn	Sherwood	Toomey
Radanovich	Shimkus	Trafficant
Rahall	Shows	Turner
Ramstad	Simmons	Udall (CO)
Rangel	Simpson	Udall (NM)
Regula	Sisisky	Upton
Rehberg	Skeen	Velazquez
Reyes	Skelton	Visclosky
Reynolds	Slaughter	Vitter
Riley	Smith (MI)	Walden
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Walsh
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Wamp
Roemer	Snyder	Waters
Rogers (KY)	Solis	Watkins
Rogers (MI)	Souder	Watt (NC)
Rohrabacher	Spence	Watts (OK)
Ros-Lehtinen	Spratt	Waxman
Ross	Stark	Weiner
Rothman	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Roybal-Allard	Stenholm	Weldon (PA)
Royce	Strickland	Weller
Rush	Stump	Wexler
Ryan (WI)	Stupak	Whitfield
Ryun (KS)	Sununu	Wicker
Sabo	Sweeney	Wilson
Sanchez	Tancred	Wolf
Sanders	Tanner	Woolsey
Sandlin	Tauscher	Wu
Sawyer	Tauzin	Wynn
Scarborough	Taylor (MS)	Young (AK)
Schakowsky	Taylor (NC)	Young (FL)
Schiff	Terry	
Schrock	Thomas	

NAYS—3

Flake	Paul	Schaffer
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NOT VOTING—22

Ackerman	Frelinghuysen	Miller, George
Barton	Holt	Moakley
Becerra	Hunter	Roukema
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Saxton
Cannon	Johnson, E. B.	Smith (NJ)
Davis (IL)	Keller	Towns
Edwards	Lee	
Ferguson	Meek (FL)	

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Mr. JONES of North Carolina changed his vote from “nay” to “yea”.

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

“A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide for the establishment of a toll-free telephone number to assist consumers in determining whether products are American-made.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS
TO SECTION 10 OF TITLE 9,
UNITED STATES CODE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 861.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 861, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 49]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Cummings	Hilliard
Aderholt	Cunningham	Hinchey
Akin	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Allen	Davis (FL)	Hobson
Andrews	Davis, Jo Ann	Hoeffel
Arney	Davis, Tom	Hoekstra
Baca	Deal	Holden
Bachus	DeFazio	Honda
Baird	DeGette	Hooley
Baker	Delahunt	Horn
Baldacci	DeLauro	Hostettler
Baldwin	DeLay	Houghton
Ballenger	DeMint	Hoyer
Barcia	Deutsch	Hulshof
Barr	Diaz-Balart	Hunter
Barrett	Dicks	Hutchinson
Bartlett	Dingell	Hyde
Bass	Doggett	Inslee
Bentsen	Dooley	Isakson
Bereuter	Doolittle	Israel
Berkley	Doyle	Issa
Berman	Dreier	Istook
Berry	Duncan	Jackson (IL)
Biggart	Dunn	Jackson-Lee
Bilirakis	Ehlers	(TX)
Bishop	Ehrlich	Jefferson
Blagojevich	Emerson	Jenkins
Blumenauer	Engel	John
Blunt	English	Johnson (CT)
Boehlert	Eshoo	Johnson (IL)
Boehner	Etheridge	Johnson, Sam
Bonilla	Evans	Jones (NC)
Bonior	Everett	Jones (OH)
Bono	Farr	Kanjorski
Borski	Fattah	Kaptur
Boswell	Filner	Kelly
Boucher	Flake	Kennedy (MN)
Boyd	Fletcher	Kennedy (RI)
Brady (PA)	Foley	Kerns
Brady (TX)	Ford	Kildee
Brown (OH)	Fossella	Kilpatrick
Brown (SC)	Frank	Kind (WI)
Bryant	Frost	King (NY)
Burr	Gallegly	Kingston
Burton	Ganske	Kirk
Buyer	Gekas	Kleczka
Callahan	Gephardt	Knollenberg
Calvert	Gibbons	Kolbe
Camp	Gilchrest	Kucinich
Cantor	Gillmor	LaFalce
Capito	Gilman	LaHood
Capps	Gonzalez	Lampson
Capuano	Goode	Langevin
Cardin	Goodlatte	Lantos
Carson (IN)	Gordon	Largent
Carson (OK)	Goss	Larsen (WA)
Castle	Graham	Larson (CT)
Chabot	Granger	Latham
Chambliss	Graves	LaTourette
Clay	Green (TX)	Leach
Clayton	Green (WI)	Lee
Clement	Greenwood	Levin
Clyburn	Grucci	Lewis (CA)
Coble	Gutierrez	Lewis (GA)
Collins	Gutknecht	Lewis (KY)
Combest	Hall (OH)	Linder
Condit	Hall (TX)	Lipinski
Conyers	Hansen	LoBiondo
Cooksey	Harman	Loftgren
Costello	Hart	Lowey
Cox	Hastings (FL)	Lucas (KY)
Coyne	Hastings (WA)	Lucas (OK)
Cramer	Hayes	Luther
Crane	Hayworth	Maloney (CT)
Crenshaw	Hefley	Maloney (NY)
Crowley	Herger	Manzullo
Cubin	Hill	Markey
Culberson	Hilleary	Mascara

Matheson	Pombo	Solis
Matsui	Pomeroy	Souder
McCarthy (MO)	Portman	Spence
McCarthy (NY)	Price (NC)	Spratt
McCollum	Pryce (OH)	Stark
McCrery	Putnam	Stearns
McDermott	Quinn	Stenholm
McGovern	Radanovich	Strickland
McHugh	Rahall	Stump
McInnis	Ramstad	Stupak
McIntyre	Rangel	Sununu
McKeon	Regula	Sweeney
McKinney	Rehberg	Tancred
McNulty	Reyes	Tanner
Meehan	Reynolds	Tauscher
Meeks (NY)	Riley	Tauzin
Menendez	Rivers	Taylor (MS)
Mica	Rodriguez	Taylor (NC)
Millender-	Roemer	Terry
McDonald	Rogers (KY)	Thomas
Miller (FL)	Rogers (MI)	Thompson (CA)
Miller, Gary	Rohrabacher	Thompson (MS)
Mink	Ros-Lehtinen	Thornberry
Mollohan	Ross	Thune
Moore	Rothman	Thurman
Moran (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Tiahrt
Moran (VA)	Royce	Tiberi
Morella	Rush	Tierney
Murtha	Ryan (WI)	Toomey
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Trafficant
Nadler	Sabo	Turner
Napolitano	Sanchez	Udall (CO)
Neal	Sanders	Udall (NM)
Nethercutt	Sandlin	Upton
Ney	Sawyer	Velazquez
Northup	Scarborough	Visclosky
Norwood	Schaffer	Vitter
Nussle	Schakowsky	Walden
Oberstar	Schiff	Walsh
Obey	Schrock	Wamp
Olver	Scott	Waters
Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Watkins
Osborne	Serrano	Watt (NC)
Ose	Sessions	Watts (OK)
Otter	Shadegg	Waxman
Owens	Shaw	Weiner
Oxley	Shays	Weldon (FL)
Pallone	Sherman	Weldon (PA)
Pascarell	Sherwood	Weller
Pastor	Shimkus	Wexler
Paul	Shows	Whitfield
Payne	Simmons	Wicker
Pelosi	Simpson	Wilson
Pence	Sisisky	Wolf
Peterson (MN)	Skeen	Woolsey
Peterson (PA)	Skelton	Wu
Petri	Slaughter	Wynn
Phelps	Smith (MI)	Young (AK)
Pickering	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)
Pitts	Smith (WA)	
Platts	Snyder	

NOT VOTING—19

Ackerman	Ferguson	Moakley
Barton	Frelinghuysen	Roukema
Becerra	Holt	Saxton
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Smith (NJ)
Cannon	Keller	Towns
Davis (IL)	Meek (FL)	
Edwards	Miller, George	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO
THE PERMANENT SELECT COM-
MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, and pursuant to clause 11 of rule X and clause 11 of rule I, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. BOSWELL of Iowa.

There was no objection.